

Commercial Vehicle Information Systems and Networks (CVISN)  
CVISN Executive Steering Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
Maryland Department of Transportation's William K. Hellman Board Room  
Thursday, September 15, 2011

**ATTENDEES**

Debbie Bowden, Maryland Department of Transportation, Office of Freight and Multimodalism  
Louis Campion, Maryland Motor Truck Association  
Dave Czorapinski, Maryland State Highway Administration, Motor Carrier Division  
Capt. Bill Dofflemyer, Maryland State Police, Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division  
Melinda Gretsinger, Maryland Department of Transportation, Office of Freight and Multimodalism  
First Sergeant John Irwin, Maryland Transportation Authority Police, Commercial Vehicle Safety Unit  
First Sergeant Joel Layfield, Maryland Transportation Authority Police, Commercial Vehicle Safety Unit  
Susan Martin, PrePass, by conference call  
Manoj Pansare, Maryland State Highway Administration, Motor Carrier Division  
Caitlin Hughes Rayman, Maryland Department of Transportation  
Debbie Rodgers, Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration

The meeting was convened at 9:31 a.m.

The February 10, 2011 minutes were approved.

**PrePass Status**

The Maryland Department of Transportation's (MDOT) Motor Carrier Division (MCD) stated that the ramp signal integration at Perryville weigh station has been completed and implemented. MCD and PrePass did not have an update on integrating the additional sites. PrePass will follow up with a time line. (Note that in a subsequent meeting between Caitlin and HELP Inc. President Rick Clasby, Rick stated that integrating additional sites will be at the state's expense.)

A task force was established earlier this year to explore the option of integrating customers' vehicle identification numbers from PrePass into Commercial Vehicle Information Exchange Window (CVIEW) software. A Maryland representative attended a HELP, Inc. board meeting in August 2011, to further explore the possibility and found that it was not an option. The task force is moving forward and exploring other technologies. The CVISN Executive Steering Committee is disappointed that HELP, Inc. is not willing to work on a necessary and integral update to the system. MDOT will no longer participate on the task force.

**Presentation on Alternative Technology for E-Screening**

The MCD is exploring the use of license plate reader (LPR) technology and is testing units at two locations. There are issues with processing time. The upgraded software to resolve this issue will not be ready until the end of the year. The MCD will be looking at other vendors that have an integrated product that works with virtual weigh station technology. SHA is considering working with multiple vendors as that might prove to be the most advantageous for the state.

PrePass will give a presentation on its future direction and upcoming technologies at another time.

## **CVISN Program Update**

MCD reported the following:

- **FMCSA CVISN**
  - The internal audit at Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) on the CVISN program has been completed with Maryland having no issues. The grant funds should be forthcoming.
  - The status of Delaware's CVISN program should not affect our program.
- **Program Financial Status**
  - There two open grants currently both funding virtual weigh stations. There is approximately \$2.1 million remaining including the most recent grant award. All the other grants have been expended.
- **Virtual Weigh Station Network**
  - Two additional test stations will be in pre-production mode by the first week of November and should be operational by mid-November.
  - MD 213 and I-95 at Caton Avenue are slated for installation in the spring 2012.
  - The software integration being developed by University of Maryland will start in October with intended completion by February.
- **PreView**
  - Consulting and Technical Services (CATS) II CVIEW maintenance contract was awarded to ACS. This contract covers CVIEW maintenance, hosting and software enhancement scope until May 31, 2011. Any LPR related data enhancements will be completed as part of this contract scope.

Susan Martin, PrePass, left the conference call.

## **Other Issues**

The CVISN grant program requires that the e-screening component be met through the use of transponder technology. The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) has indicated that it may review the requirement. Once guidance is received from FMCSA, Maryland will undergo an extensive review of its e-screening options.

It was suggested that the state continue the fusion transponders program for carriers, which allows a carrier to have a single transponder for all services. Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) is to find out the cost of a fusion transponder and if it is being subsidized by the state.

The Maryland State Police and the Maryland Transportation Authority police will host an industry safety summit this month. Registration thus far shows 100 to 125 attendees are expected. It is hoped to have a high driver attendance. MDOT's Truckers Roundtable is being held during the lunch to give the attendees an opportunity to interact with MDOT personnel with their comments and feedback.

An update on motor coach safety is expected at the next meeting. Mary Presley, the new executive at the Maryland Motor Coach Association will be invited to the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.